

DEMAND BASEBALL PEACE *Standing in Big* ROUEL COMES TO LIFE Lord Decies Buys Horses TIMELY BITS OF SPORT AUTO NEWS OF THE DAY

Abbott-Detroit Company. Will  
Withdraw from Racing

PRESENTS ITS SUSPENSION

### Close Vote Predicted on Question

As the final word in its controversy with the American Automobile Association and the Detroit Automobile Club, the Detroit Automobile Club has decided to withdraw its racing team from all contest work. In view of the excellent showing made by the Abbott racers last year, this decision has excited considerable comment. In explanation L. A. Hopwood, president of the local company, said yesterday:

"We came under the censure of the American Automobile Association because we advertised truthfully and without exaggeration the performances of our stock cars in the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix races. This led to a reconsideration of the entire racing question on the part of our national body. As the Detroit club is the result of which we have decided to withdraw entirely from racing while such unjust rules are enforced.

"Such virtues as may be urged for racing

certainly hold true. If the racing car is to be sold with stock cars. For instance, it is argued that the tremendous strain to which racing puts a car gives the maker an accurate idea of the defects and weak points in his product. It is true, but only when he is racing with a strictly stock car can this yield him knowledge by which he may improve his product. Again, it is urged that racing gives the public an opportunity to compare the performances of the various cars when they are under fire. From the highly speculative performance of the "hot" cars, the average motorist, moreover, what can he judge of the totally different car going out of the salesroom floor? The only similarity between them is that both were assembled in the same factory—sometimes even that.

"We stand firm on the opinion that racing with specially built cars is misleading to the public and valuable to the manufacturer, as far as enabling him to improve his product in accordance with his view, we are withdrawing from all racing for the present. If we ever re-enter the market, it will be in strictly stock car racing only and preferably in endurance and reliability contests, which demonstrate to the public."

the car performs under service similar to an owner's. Our highest and only permanent interest is in the performance of Abbott cars in the hands of Abbott owners—not in a trifling of silly car won by a car so unlike a stock car that it costs several times the selling price of the stock car to build."

In the belief that a special meeting had been called, a number of members of the Automobile Club of America visited the clubhouse in West Fifth street last evening. Apparently they had taken the notice of a request for a meeting as a call for one, and expected to hear the thrashing out of the several matters at present agitating the organization. Finding no official conference under way, there was much informal discussion and explanation.

So widespread is the interest in the controversy that has caused the members to make sides that the largest crowd in the history of the club is predicted for Monday night. But sides are working hard to obtain either the attendance of members or their proxies, in order that all may have a voice in the decision of the questions at issue. Those who have watched the situation closely believe that a close vote will result on the proposition of revising the constitution. Two-thirds of the vote cast will be required to carry the revision.

For those who never venture beyond the limits of asphalt streets during the winter, it may come as a surprise to know that touring conditions, so far as the re-

If traffic is concerned, are really excellent at this time. The protracted cold has given the old roads a chance to dry out without a thaw now being feared. This means that even the dirt roads which have been unrun by the experienced tourists will fall as now surprisingly smooth. Until warm weather sets in there need be no hesitancy about taking any of the shorter trips which are supposed to be available only in summer.

Many inquiries have been received at the Bureau of Roads of the Automobile Club of America as to whether the road to this or that suburban town is passable without undergoing severe hardships. The fact is that the roads are in many cases better than they were in the late fall and are immeasurably superior to what they will be in the early spring.

The bureau of tours is authority for the fact that the Boston Post Road between Greenwich and Stamford is now open for the entire distance, so that for the first time in a year and a half no detour is necessary between these places. Automobile drivers are warned to proceed with caution, however, as the roads are still very muddy. Just beyond Stamford, as the tourist leaves have just been taken from the road, and it will require several days before the necessary

Local automobilists read yesterday with

great deal of pleasure that the automobility reciprocity bill had passed the New Jersey Legislature, and are hopeful that it will have a clear passage in the remainder of its journey here.

In the mean time the Asbury Park "Boasters' Association," composed of the hotel and business men of the resort, has been endeavoring to obtain the restoration of the beach to the public from the month of April, at least, of the eighth year after the expiration of the lease.

The board of trustees for motorists living out of state, if it is granted the right of entry touring privilege, will make application immediately to issue a free license to every automobilist who makes application.

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## NEWS OF THE BOWLERS

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### New York A. C. Team in Defeat on Passaic Club's Alleys.

The New York Athletic Club team, which defeated the Passaic Athletic Bowling Team,

<p><b>NEW YORK A. C.</b></p> <p>             Harding, 172 181 203              King, 209 205 205              Roberts, 170 191 201              Lubert, 187 188 188           </p> <p><b>Totals, 931 827 838</b></p>	<p><b>PASSAIC C.L.B.</b></p> <p>             Du Bois, 237 166 165              Roth, 158 171 211              Brown, 150 159 163              Elston, 292 371 371           </p> <p><b>Totals, 870 805 815</b></p>
<p><b>COLUMBIA C.L.B.</b></p> <p>             Schulte, 176 181 181              Schulte, 156 156 156              Rosenberg 217 195 210              Farnsworth, 181 201 201              Farnsworth, 181 201 201           </p> <p><b>Totals, 884 808 801</b></p>	<p><b>ROSELAND C.L.B.</b></p> <p>             Wood, 165 170 170              Van Nee, 238 181 181              Moffa, 211 171 171              Meyer, 187 174 165           </p> <p><b>Totals, 882 857 857</b></p>
<p><b>MONTCLAIR C.L.B.</b></p> <p>             157 167 146              157 167 146           </p>	<p><b>JERSEY CITY C.L.B.</b></p> <p>             194 197 197              194 197 197           </p>

Angle.....	187	183	171	Angle.....	129	167	212
Towell.....	183	168	172	Miller.....	180	193	141
.....	160	170	161	Rowman.....	199	167	201
Swiss.....	193	224	185	Brundage.....	199	167	201
Totals.....	850	912	838	Totals.....	807	884	808